WRITE A LETTER

POLITICAL PRISONER BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST

August 1st

Margaret Channon
#49955-086
FCI Tallahassee
P.O. Box 5000
Tallahassee, FL 32314

Margaret Aislinn Channon plead guilty to federal charges for reportedly lighting five Seattle Police Department cars on fire in the middle of a protest in Seattle during the George Floyd Uprising of 2020. She faced a prolonged case, serious state repression, and unfounded accusations from prosecutors and police throughout the course of her proceedings. In March 2022 she was sentenced to 5 years incarceration. After 60 months' imprisonment, she will face 36 months of supervised release with special conditions. Her expected release date is June 5, 2026.

August 3rd

Bill Dunne
#10916-086
FMC Butner Medium II
P.O. Box 1500
Butner, NC 27509

Bill Dunne is an anti-authoritarian sentenced to 90 years for the attempted liberation of an anarchist prisoner. Bill Dunne was arrested in 1979 when he and Larry Giddings attempted to free fellow revolutionary Artie Ray Dufur. The two successfully freed Artie, but were arrested after an exchange of fire with police as they were fleeing the scene. Bill received a 80 year federal prison sentence. In 1983, Bill attempted to escape prison and was given another 15 years.

August 16th

Haniff Shabaz Bey
Address to:
Beaumont Gereau
#19-1952, Citrus County
Correctional Facility
c/o Securus Digital Mail
Center,
P.O. Box 20187
Tampa, FL 33622

From 1971 to 1973, the Virgin Islands rebelled against US colonial occupation. On Sept. 6th, 1972. eight tourists were gunned down at the Rockefeller owned golf course on the island of St. Croix. US troops carried out a series of repressive acts of violence against the local community, including over 100 interrogations. 5 supporters of the Virgin Island Independence Movement, including Hanif, were apprehended and charged with the attack. In 1973 the 5 were sentenced to 8 consecutive life sentence.
Address envelope to Beaumont Gereau
Write letter to Haniff Shabaz Bey

August 17th

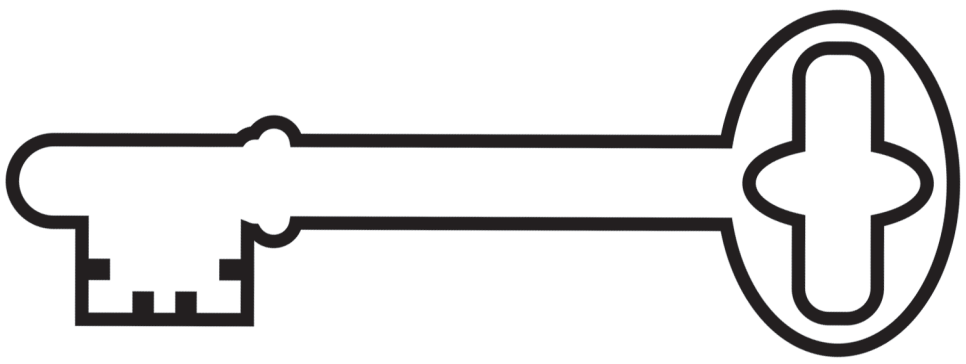
Christopher L Young
#136515
Eastern Kentucky Correctional Complex
200 Rd to Justice
West Liberty, Kentucky
41472

Christopher Young is a gay Moorish and Mississippi Native American imprisoned since 1997 for capitol murder and armed robbery. Since his imprisonment, he has become a jailhouse lawyer and prison activist. Christopher is looking to connect with more outside supporters, as he currently has very little stable outside support. He asks for regular communication, respect, honesty, understanding, and help with accumulation of materials, fundraising for zine printing and research.

August 31st

Ronald Reed
#219531
MCF-Lino Lakes, Minnesota
PO Box 247
Phoenix, MD 21131

Ronald Reed is a civil rights activist who organized for Black history courses and against racist teachers at St. Paul Central High School and helped integrate college campuses in Minnesota in the 1960s. Reed's activities drew him towards revolutionary theory and political street theatre in St. Paul with the Black United Front. In 1995, Reed was arrested and convicted of first-degree murder and conspiracy to commit first degree-murder for the 1970 shooting of a St. Paul police officer.
He is serving life in prison.



Send a birthday letter to these political prisoners. It's an easy way to help remind freedom fighters ther are not forgotten. If you make one, remember: don't use anything like white-out, stickers, tape, or glitter on it. We also recommend you put your name and address and their name and address on the letter, lest the authorities "lose" the envelope and forget where its going.

Remembering former political prisoners who are no longer here with us:
Mutulu Shakur was a Black liberation fighter and a revolutionary health worker, renowned for his participation in and leadership of the Lincoln Detox Center. Lincoln Detox was a project of the Young Lords, designed to support poor folks struggling with substance addiction. He was incarcerated for 36 years for his alleged involvement in a 1981 bank robbery and the escape of fellow political prisoner Assata Shakur. Mutulu passed away in July of 2023. His birthday was August 8th.
Russell Maroon Shoatz was a dedicated community activist, founding member of the Black Unity Council, former member of the Black Panther Party and soldier in the Black Liberation Army. In 1972, he was arrested and convicted for the deaths of two police officers. He later escaped from prison twice. Russell passed away in December of 2021. His birthday was Aug 23rd.

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THEY ARE IN THERE FOR US
WE ARE OUT HERE FOR THEM:

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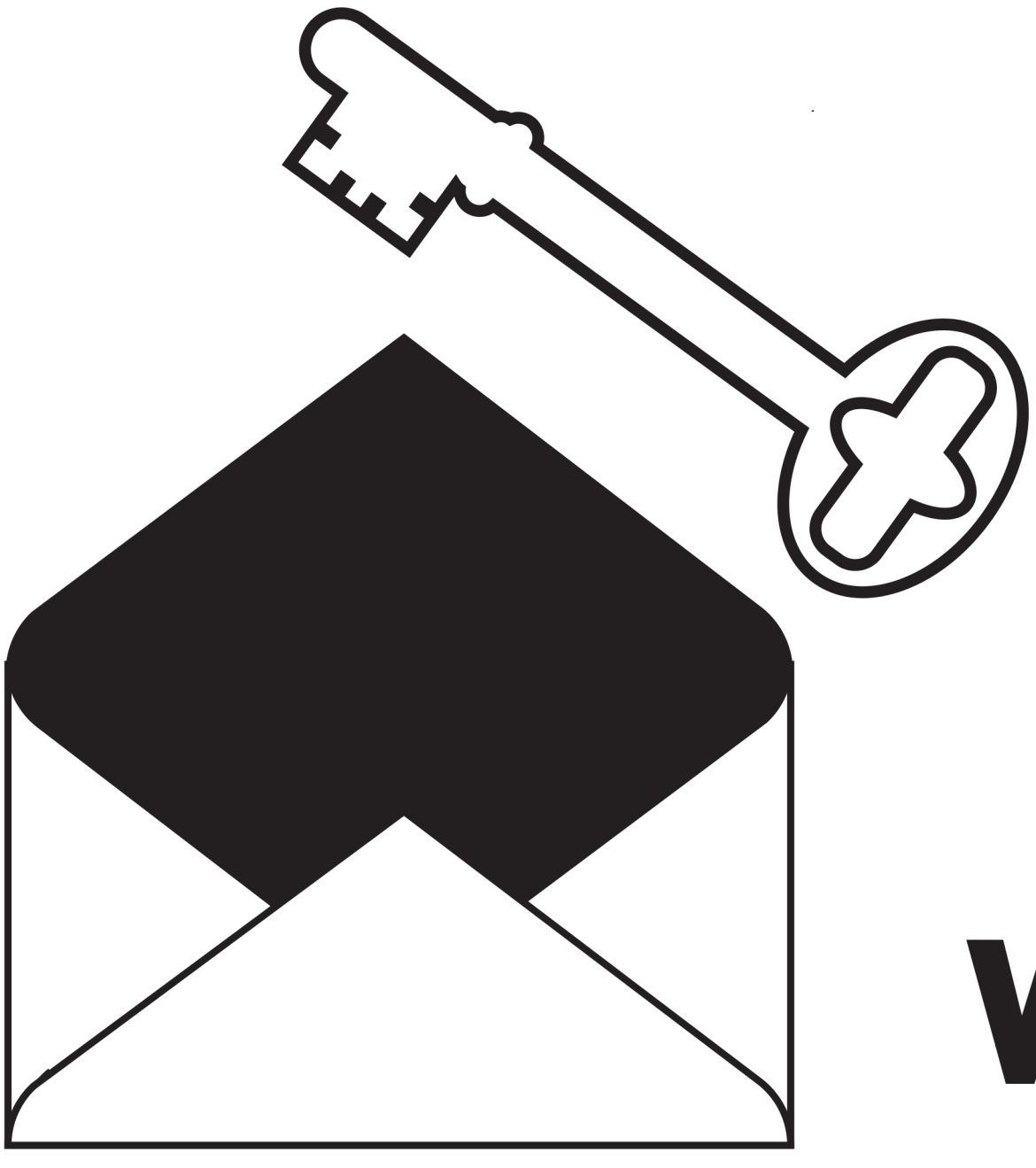

POLITICAL PRISONER LETTER WRITING

This August, join others in your community to send birthday cards to political prisoners to remind them that they are not forgotten.

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DATE:

LOCATION:

SPONSORING ORGANIZATION: